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SUBJ: SOVIET PROTEST OF JACK ANDERSON COLUMN

1. DURING MEETING ON OTHER MATTERS, ACTING CHIEF OF MFA USA  
DIVISION KOMPLEKTOV DELIVERED FOLLOWING ORAL STATEMENT TO  
DCM:

QUOTE THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE USSR CONSIDERS  
IT NECESSARY TO DRAW THE ATTENTION OF THE EMBASSY OF THE USA  
TO THE FOLLOWING.

RECENTLY MATERIALS HAVE BEEN APPEARING IN THE AMERICAN  
PRESS WHICH CONTAIN GROSS FABRICATIONS CONCERNING OFFICIAL  
SOVIET REPRESENTATIVES IN THE USA. MATTERS HAVE REACHED THE  
POINT WHERE, ON THE PAGES OF THE CAPITAL'S NEWSPAPER, "THE  
WASHINGTON POST," AN ARTICLE WAS PUBLISHED CONTAINING  
SLANDEROUS ATTACKS ON THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE  
USSR TO THE UN AND DEPUTY MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE  
USSR.

ATTENTION IS CALLED TO THE CIRCUMSTANCE THAT, AS IS  
SAID DIRECTLY IN THIS ARTICLE, IT WAS PREPARED ON THE  
BASIS OF MATERIALS WHICH AMERICAN SPECIAL SERVICES  
SUPPLIED TO THE AUTHORS OF THIS LIAB. IT IS THUS A  
QUESTION OF THE IMMEDIATE INVOLVEMENT OF CERTAIN STATE  
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ORGANIZATIONS OF THE USA IN THIS PROVOCATIVE UNDERTAKING.

PUBLICATIONS OF SUCH A NATURE, INTENDED TO INFLAME FEELINGS HOSTILE TO THE SOVIET UNION AND CONTAINING SLANDEROUS FABRICATIONS OF A PERSONAL NATURE AGAINST OFFICIAL SOVIET REPRESENTATIVES, ARE IMPERMISSIBLE IN CONDITIONS OF NORMAL DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN STATES.

THE MINISTRY EXPECTS THAT THE NECESSARY MEASURES WILL BE TAKEN TO PROTECT SOVIET REPRESENTATIVES IN THE USA AGAINST SLANDER DIRECTED AT THEM AND THAT THE AMERICAN SIDE WILL FIND A WAY TO EXPRESS OFFICIALLY ITS ATTITUDE TOWARD ACTIONS OF SUCH A NATURE AND, IN PARTICULAR, THE ABOVE-MENTIONED ARTICLE. UNQUOTE

2. DCM ASKED WHICH PARTICULAR ARTICLE EVOKED THE STATEMENT AND WAS TOLD THAT IT REFERRED TO ALLEGATIONS BY COLUMNIST JACK ANDERSON REGARDING EXPIONAGE ACTIVITY BY AMB. MALIK. DCM PROMISED TO TRANSMIT STATEMENT TO DEPARTMENT, BUT OBSERVED THAT IT IS HARDLY CONCEIVABLE THAT MATERIAL HAD BEEN SUPPLIED TO ANDERSON BY ANY BRANCH OF USG, AND POINTED OUT THAT PRESS IS NOT SUBJECT TO THE CONTROL OF USG AND THEREFORE LATTER CANNOT BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR CONTENT OF PRESS ARTICLES. KOMPLEKTOV REMARKED THAT ANDERSON HAD CITED USG SOURCES AND CALLED PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO SOVIET REQUEST THAT USG EXPRESS ITS ATTITUDE OFFICIALLY ON THE ARTICLE.

3. COMMENT: AN APPROPRIATE REPLY, WHICH MIGHT ALSO BE DELIVERED ORALLY, WOULD BE TO STATE THAT NO AGENCY OF USG PROVIDED INFORMATION TO ANDERSON AND TO POINT OUT THAT AN OFFICIAL STATMENT ON THE MATTER WULD ONLY DRAW UNDESIRABLE ATTENTION TO IT. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO REPLY TO SOVIET EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON, WHICH POSSIBLY HAS DISADVANTAGES OF CALLING FURTHER PUBLIC ATTENTION TO ANDERSON ALLEGATIONS. STOESSEL

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